

Top "Five Star" Jobs

in Utah 2002-2012 by Training Level



Bachelor's Degree or Higher



Chief Executives
Computer and Information Systems Managers
Computer Software Engineers, Applications
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School
Lawyers
Management Analysts
Marketing Managers
Pharmacists
Sales Managers



**After High School,
 Less than Bachelor's Degree**



Respiratory Therapists
Paralegals and Legal Assistants
Dental Hygienists
Real Estate Sales Agents
Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians
Registered Nurses



On-the-Job Training



Electricians
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Police and Detectives
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers
Postal Service Mail Carriers
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical AND Scientific Products
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, EXCEPT Technical and
Scientific Products
Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary

What is a

Top “Five Star” Job?



Demand-Side Economics

The Utah Department of Workforce Services has just introduced a new way to rank jobs based on employment outlook and wages.

In this new rating system, five star jobs are those with the strongest employment outlook and high wages. The employment outlook rating is based 85 percent on the number of annual openings projected for that occupation and 15 percent on the rate of new employment growth in that job. Wage rankings use the median annual wage from the Utah wage survey conducted by the Department of Workforce Services.

The system groups jobs by training level. In other words, a high-paying job with just on-the-job training will not match the wages of a high-paying job requiring a college education!



Supply-Side Economics

Just because an occupation has a “five star” rating, doesn’t mean jobs will be easy to find! The rankings cover only the “demand” for employees. The other side of the equation is the supply of workers wanting to work in that occupation.

An occupation may create hundreds of new openings every year. But, if thousands of workers are qualified for those positions, lots of workers won’t find work in that field. Look at the supply of labor for a particular occupation—not just the demand.

So, you need to do your homework. Check with people already employed in the occupation and employers who hire that occupation to determine whether there is an over- or under-supply of workers.



Warning:

While all five star jobs have a strong employment outlook, they may also have many applicants for each position. Don’t assume that just because a job is in demand that getting that job will be easy. Many of the jobs on this list have more people competing for them than there are openings. Investigate how stiff the competition is for these jobs: Talk to people recently hired in the job, and employers who hire for the job. Ask them about the competition for jobs in that field.

On The Web

<http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/occi.asp>

<http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/> Utah Labor Market / Economic Information

<http://www.bls.gov/> Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm> Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://jobs.utah.gov/selfservice/ejb/> Electronic Job Board (all Utah jobs listed with DWS)

<http://jobs.utah.gov/firmfind/> Searchable List of Utah Companies